



# MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

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DEPT.: City Clerk

DATE: November 9, 2004

## ACTION:

Presentation by Mayor Larry Giammo on his recent trip with Governor Ehrlich and the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development to Singapore and Shanghai, China.

## ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 11/15/04

INTRODUCED  
PUB. HEARING  
INSTRUCTIONS  
APPROVED  
EFFECTIVE

## ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER  
SECTION

☐ CONSENT AGENDA

## RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

## BACKGROUND:

The focus of the Asia mission was to tap into commercial opportunities for Rockville and Maryland companies. The presentation will focus on what the Mayor learned that could foster better relations between local governments in Maryland and Asian-centered businesses, and the influence Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development is having toward establishing better relationships with Asian-based businesses. The Mayor's mid-October trip covered eight days, and two provinces.

"I returned with a much-broadened appreciation of how China is moving from a controlled economy to a market-driven economy," said Giammo. "Many people are not aware that Asian-based businesses already are a major factor in our area. I think this trip could have considerable impact on helping these businesses that are currently in Rockville and other parts of Maryland, and toward attracting new Asian businesses that might want to get established here."

He said he is extremely grateful for the help he has received from members of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, particularly George Dang, Jon Liu and Serina Moy, in working toward better understanding between these businesses and U.S. local governments such as

Rockville.


Rockville provides an outstanding environment, excellent infrastructure and a highly educated and diverse workforce for a variety of businesses. The 2000 U.S. Census reports Asians are the largest minority in Rockville with 14.8 percent of the population of 47,388, including 6.1 percent of the total identifying themselves as Chinese.

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**APPROVED:**

  
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11/9/04  
Date

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

Certificate of Appreciation for Dr. Jon Jiang Liu, Serina Moy and George Dang, members of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, whose assistance to the Mayor was instrumental in the overall success of the Asia mission.

# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

**Presented To**

*DR. JON JIANG LIU*

In appreciation for your participation in the Governor's Asia Mission 2004, for your representation on behalf of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce and of the entire Montgomery County business community, and, most especially, for your assistance to the Mayor of Rockville, its citizens and its businesses. Your expertise in planning and facilitating additional meetings for Mayor Giammo with high-level Chinese officials was invaluable in realizing our mutual goal of furthering trade relations between the two peoples.

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Mayor Larry Giammo  
Councilmember Robert Dorsey  
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.  
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann  
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

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***SERINA MOY***

In appreciation of your participation in the Governor's Asia Mission 2004, for your representation on behalf of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce and of the entire Montgomery County business community, and, most especially, for your assistance to Mayor Larry Giammo, and the citizens and businesses of Rockville.

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***GEORGE DANG***

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